

[Report No. 259.]

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MARCH 3, 1857.

Mr. SIMMONS, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported the following bill :

**A BILL**

Concerning invalid pensions, and regulating the time of their commencement.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2   *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*  
3   the pension which may have been granted, or which may here-  
4   after be granted, to officers, non-commissioned officers, musi-  
5   cians, privates, artificers, rangers, sea-fencibles, volunteers,  
6   express-riders, seamen, marines, pilots, engineers, firemen and  
7   coal-heavers, and other persons in the land or naval service of  
8   the United States, disabled by wounds or other injuries re-  
9   ceived while in the line of their duty, shall be considered to  
10   commence from the time of their being so disabled; and the  
11   amount of pension to which said officers, non-commissioned  
12   officers, musicians, privates, artificers, rangers, sea-fencibles,

13 volunteers, express-riders, seamen or marines, pilots, engi-  
 14 neers, firemen and coal-heavers, and other persons, may be  
 15 entitled, shall be regulated according to existing laws in rela-  
 16 tion to the pay of invalid pensioners: *Provided*, That the  
 17 amount of pension which any persons above named have  
 18 received shall first be deducted from the pension to which he  
 19 is entitled under this act.

1        SEC. 2 *And be it further enacted*, That in case of the  
 2 death of any officer, non-commissioned officer, musician, pri-  
 3 vate, artificer, volunteer, express-rider, sea-fencible, pilot, sea-  
 4 man, marine, engineer, fireman or coal-heaver, or other per-  
 5 son mentioned in the first section of this act, before or after  
 6 the passage thereof, the amount which may be due to such  
 7 person under the provisions of this act shall be paid to his  
 8 widow; and in case of her death, to her surviving child or  
 9 children

to the next of kin of the persons  
 ion of this act.